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February 28, 2018

Commissioner Robert Taub, Chairman
Commissioner Tony Hammond, Vice Chairman
Commissioner Nanci Langley
Commissioner Mark Acton
Postal Regulatory Commission
901 New York Avenue, NW, Suite 200
Washington, DC 20268

RE: Docket No. RM2017-3

Dear Commissioners:

We join the National Catholic Development Conference (NCDC), the Alliance of Nonprofit Mailers, and the nonprofit mailing community in urging you to reconsider your proposal to increase postage rates several times the rate of inflation. Increases that are estimated to reach 7 percent a year, or 40 percent compounded for five years, will not reform the United States Postal Service and will have a major negative impact on both the agency and its customers.

As a nonprofit, we rely on mail for the majority of our fundraising. But we operate on a limited, fixed fundraising budget each year, so if postage goes up as much as you contemplate, we will be forced to greatly reduce our mailings. This will impact the Postal Service and us. It will have a disastrous impact on our revenue and our mission.

Our mission is serving the poor around the world in the light of our Catholic Faith. We bring the consolation of the Gospel and Faith to those who are on the margins of society. We offer programs in Asia, Latin America, Africa and North America to promote human dignity, education, social welfare and communal organization.

Postage increases totaling 40 percent over the next five years will greatly reduce our ability to respond both at home here in the United States and around the world.

Please do the right thing and reconsider your proposal.

Sincerely,

Rev. Raymond Finch, M.M.
Superior General
Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers